



WELCOME TO FIRST EVAN

"We exist to glorify Jesus Christ and magnify His gospel in all of life until He comes."

SUNDAY, MAY 19, 2024



We are so excited you are visiting with us today! Be sure to visit the Connect Center, fill out a connect card in the pews, or visit www.firstevan.org/connect.




Can we help you find community here? There are many opportunities for equipping, service, and fellowship. Email connect@firstevan.org.



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PENTECOST SUNDAY

*“And in the last days it shall be, God declares,
that I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh.” Acts 2:17*

Welcome

Christy Bicknell, *Director of Women’s Ministry*

Worship in Scripture & Song

Psalm 71:8

Bring Praises

Reading from Acts 1 & 2

For Your Gift of God the Spirit

Holy Spirit

Spirit of the Living God

Galatians 5:22–26

The Lord’s Prayer (It’s Yours)

Elder Prayer

Bryan Miller

New Members

Taylor Park, *Executive Pastor*

William Bateman, Nick & Kendall Blancett, Meg Burgess, James Fisher, Justin & Becca Hensley, Gina Hensley, Benjamin & Esther Kerns, Ethan & Anna Langston, Tori Martin, Patricia Newman, Michael Price, Josh & Jane Raspberry, Geoffrey Warberg.

Membership Confession

Search Committee Recognition

Kevin Weaver, Katelynn Bernardini, Debbie Frazier, Mark Gosney, Ralph Hughes, Bill Granger, Buddy Jones. Former Members: Chris Cannon, Eric Fuhrman, Jim Graham.

Sermon

Dr. Imad Shehadeh

Jordan Evangelical Theological Seminary

“Persistence that Pays”

Colossians 1:24–29

Benediction

*Musicians: The Worship Choir, Carter Boer, Jeremy Conner, Trent England,
Edrie Gray, Joelle Marino, McKayla Rawlinson, Jamie Scholik, Phil Thompson.
Ken Boer, Pastor of Worship. CCLI#47316*

“Persistence that Pays”

Colossians 1:24–29 | Dr. Imad Shehadeh, JETS

Some of the reasons we can persist in faith and service:

We are called to share in His _____ (24)

But is it worth it? Yes, because:

We are called to share in His _____ (25-27)

But what if it is too difficult? Remember also that:

We are called to share in His _____ (28-29)

MEMBERSHIP CONFESSION

Having been led by the Spirit of God through the word of God to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as Savior, we do now confess as one body in Christ and as members of First Evangelical Church: we will strive to live as disciples of Jesus in this present age; we will consistently celebrate together through joyful worship; we will generously contribute our time, resources, gifts, and abilities to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ boldly in both word and deed; and we will pursue peace and unity in the Church, encouraging and exhorting one another with the truth of God’s word to the glory of God and for the edification of His people.



**Annual Congregational Meeting and Dessert Fellowship
TONIGHT, 6:00–7:00 p.m.
Sanctuary**

Join us for our annual congregational meeting to elect Elders, Deacons, Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Congregation, and Global Missions Team members. We will also vote on the 2024–2025 church budget. Childcare for Nursery–5th grade.



**Women's Potluck Backyard Brunch
Saturday, June 8, 10:30 a.m.
Home of Christy Bicknell**

Kickoff Summer Circles with a potluck backyard brunch and spend a casual morning with other FEC women. RSVP at firstevan.org/women by Sunday, June 2.



**Summer Safari | Funmaker Factory
Mondays & Thursdays, June 13 to July 26
9:30 a.m.–2:30 p.m. | Rising PK4–6th Grade**

Registration deadline is TODAY! Kids will enjoy songs, STEM activities, games, crafts, field trips, and learn about Jesus Christ and HIS great love for the world He made! Details on cost, session dates, and registration are available at firstevan.org/events/summer-safari.

New Member Luncheon is today at 12:30 p.m. at the home of Don and Natalie Sherman

**INT'L DAY FOR THE UNREACHED
31 Frontier People Groups (FPGs)**

Praise

- That the Good News of Jesus has been spreading very quickly around the world in the past 50 years!
- That "People of Peace" (Mt. 10:11; Lk. 10:6) have welcomed believers into their families to tell them about Jesus.

Pray

- For God to stir our hearts with His love for FPG families.
- For the right laborers to follow the leading of God's Spirit into their towns, cities, and regions. Jesus commanded us to plead with God to send out laborers into the harvest fields.

**MEMPHIS PARTNER OF THE WEEK
World Relief Memphis**

Praise

- For new church partners, housing and employment partners, as well as many valuable community connections!
- That new staff we hired recently will be energized and encouraged as they begin their time working alongside us.

Pray

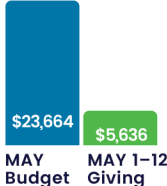
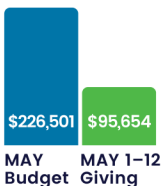
- That God will continue activating the local church to lead our community in welcoming newcomers.
- For godly wisdom for our lawmakers who are faced with both challenges and opportunities to enact legislation that is beneficial for newcomers.

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

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Ministry Fund

Missions Fund



FAMILY MATTERS

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Rehab

Mike Owen, Encompass North Rehab

Death

Linda Carter, May 8, 2024,
Shelia Groshart's sister
Bryden Ward, May 9, 2024,
Shea Ward's sister